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## SECOND AMENDMENT

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Applicant by his duly appointed attorney herewith elects the article of manufacture, i.e. the pipe, of Group II defined in claims 30-32. These claims cover the species of FIGS. 1-6, 8-12, and 22.

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